improvement works amounting to Rs. 7.57 crores were sanctioned on Sambalpur - Chhattisgarh Border section of NH 6.

(b) and (c) Details enclosed at Statement.

Statement

List of sanctioned works on Sambalpur-Chhattisgarh border section (from Km. 0/0 to Km. 88/0) on NH-6 during last three years

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Job. No.	Date of sanction Original & Revised	Sanctioned Cost Original & Revised (Rs. in lakh)	Target of completion
1.	Improvement of Riding Quality from Km. 62/0 to Km. 75/0	006-ORS-2002-196	01.02.02	281.22	Completed in Sept., 2002
2.	Improvement of Riding Quality from Km. 29/0 to Km. 39/0	006-ORS-2002-212	12.07.02	220.20	Completed in Aug., 2003
3.	Improvement of Riding Quality from Km. 10/0 to Km. 13/0 & Km. 55/0 to Km. 62/0	006-ORS-2002-226	22.10.02	255.63	Completed in Jun., 2003
	TOTAL:			757.05	

Say Rs. 7.57 crore

Proposal to convert LoC into International Border

*76. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US and UK are keen that India and Pakistan agree to convert the Line of Control (LoC) into the International Border between the two countries to end the Kashmir dispute; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Both countries have officially also recognised on a number of occasions that differences between India and Pakistan have to be resolved by the two countries themselves.

(b) Government's principled and consistent position is well known. The entire State of Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union. A part of the territory of the State is under the forcible and illegal occupation of Pakistan. India is committed under the Simla agreement and the Lahore declaration, to resolve all issues with Pakistan peacefully through bilateral discussions.

Construction of godowns by private parties

*77. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines for private parties to construct godowns for storage of foodgrains for Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have been paying rents for the space not availed by it in the private godowns; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) In accordance with the National Policy on Handling, Storage and Transportation of Foodgrains, the private sector is to be encouraged to construct conventional godowns on Build-Own-Operate (BOO) basis in which the foodgrains procured by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) would be stored and preserved and for which storage and handling charges would be provided. The construction of godowns under the BOO scheme is yet to commence.